

## Durham, NH

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County Strafford

Labor Market Area Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region Seacoast

Planning Commission Strafford Regional

Regional Development Southeast Economic Development Corp.

**Election Districts** 

US Congress District 1
Executive Council District 2
State Senate District 21

State Representative Strafford County District 6

Incorporated: 1732

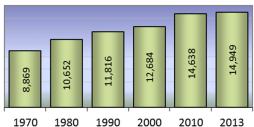
**Origin:** Durham started as a parish of Dover called Oyster River Plantation, first settled in 1669. Durham was incorporated in 1732, probably to honor the first Puritan bishop, Richard Barnes, Bishop of Durham. Durham included what is now Lee until 1766, when that town was incorporated. Benjamin Thompson, descendent of an early settler, bequeathed the family estate, the Warner Farm, to be used for establishment of an agricultural college. The state agricultural school, originally set up in Hanover in 1866, was moved to Durham in 1890, becoming the University of New Hampshire in 1923.

Villages and Place Names: Oyster River

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,247 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Durham, including resident students, totaled 9,445 over 53 years, from 5,504 in 1960 to 14,949 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2013 Census estimate for

Durham was 14,949 residents, which ranked 18th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2013** (US Census Bureau): 667.4 persons per square mile of land area. Durham contains 22.4 square miles of land area and 2.4 square miles of inland water area.

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Rochester

Somersworth

Dove

Durham

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| MUNICIPAL SERVICES                       |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| Type of Government                       | Administrator & Council  |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014   | \$13,155,029             |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015 | \$39,645,812             |
| Zoning Ordinance                         | 1935/14                  |
| Master Plan                              | 2000                     |
| Capital Improvement Plan                 | Yes                      |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By Tow         | n Planner/Planning Board |

Boards and Commissions

Elected: Town Council

Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery;

**Historic; Economic Development** 

Public Library **Durham Public; UNH Library** 

| EMERGENCY SERVICES                            |                     |                     |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Police Department                             |                     | Full-time           |
| Fire Department                               |                     | Municipal           |
| Emergency Medical Service                     |                     | Municipal           |
| Nearest Hospital(s) Wentworth-Douglass, Dover | Distance<br>6 miles | Staffed Beds<br>124 |

| UTILITIES   |  |
|---|--|
| Electric Supplier<br>Natural Gas Supplier<br>Water Supplier | Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop<br>Unitil<br>UNH/Durham Water System |
| Sanitation  | Municipal  |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatm                                 | nent Plant Yes   |
| Solid Waste Disposal  |  |
| Curbside Trash Pickup                                       | Municipal  |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program Recycling Program                  | No<br>Mandatoni  |
| Recycling Program   | Mandatory  |
| Telephone Company   | Fairpoint  |
| Cellular Telephone Access                                   | Yes  |
| Cable Television Access                                     | Yes  |
| Public Access Television Statio                             | n Yes Business unknown   |
| High Speed Internet Service:                                | Residential unknown  |
|   | Residential anknown  |
| PROPERTY TAXES  | (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)                                     |
| 2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$100                              | 0 of value) \$30.41  |
| 2013 Equalization Ratio                                     | 96.8   |
| 2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per                               | \$1000 of value) <b>\$29.56</b>  |
| 2013 Percent of Local Assesse                               | d Valuation by Property Type   |

| 2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)   | \$29.56                |
|--|------------------------|
| 2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type<br>Residential Land and Buildings<br>Commercial Land and Buildings<br>Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 83.8%<br>14.0%<br>2.2% |
| Housing (ACS 2   | 009-2013)              |
| Total Housing Units  | 3,461                  |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached Units in Multiple-Family Structures:   | 2,190                  |
| Two to Four Units in Structure   | 191                    |
| Five or More Units in Structure  | 1,064                  |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units   | 16                     |

| DEMOGRAPHICS                                       |                     | (US Census Bureau) |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Total Population                                   | Community           | County             |
| 2013   | 14,949              | 124,319            |
| 2010   | 14,638              | 123,143            |
| 2000   | 12,684              | 112,676            |
| 1990   | 11,816              | 104,348            |
| 1980   | 10,652              | 85,324             |
| 1970   | 8,869               | 70,431             |
| <b>Demographics, American</b> Population by Gender | Community Survey (A | CS) 2009-2013      |

| <b>Demograph</b> Population b |              | nmunity Survey (ACS) 2 | 2009-2013 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Male                          | 6,595        | Female                 | 8,354     |
| Population b                  | oy Age Group |                        |           |
| Under age                     | e 5          |                        | 404       |
| Age 5 to 1                    | .9           | į                      | 5,505     |
| Age 20 to                     | 34           | Ţ.                     | 5,095     |
| Age 35 to                     | 54           | 2                      | 2,002     |
| Age 55 to                     | 64           |                        | 925       |
| Age 65 an                     | d over       | 1                      | L,018     |
| Medi                          | ian Age      | 20                     | 0.8 years |

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
High school graduate or higher 97.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher 74.7%

| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$                  | (ACS 2009-2013) |
|--|-----------------|
| Per capita income                              | \$23,342        |
| Median family income                           | \$117,121       |
| Median household income                        | \$71,250        |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers |                 |
| Male   | \$68,929        |

 Male
 \$68,929

 Female
 \$44,911

Individuals below the poverty level 20.5%

| LABOR FORCE          |       | (NHES – ELMI) |
|----------------------|-------|---------------|
| Annual Average       | 2003  | 2013          |
| Civilian labor force | 6,518 | 7,845         |
| Employed             | 6,319 | 7,425         |
| Unemployed           | 199   | 420           |
| Unemployment rate    | 3.1%  | 5.4%          |

| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES                      | (NH     | IES – ELMI) |
|---|---------|-------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment       | 2003    | 2013        |
| Goods Producing Industries              |         |             |
| Average Employment                      | 559     | n           |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$1,140 | n           |
| Service Providing Industries            |         |             |
| Average Employment                      | 1,500   | n           |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$ 487  | n           |
|   |         |             |
| Total Private Industry                  |         |             |
| Average Employment                      | 2,059   | 1,876       |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$ 664  | \$ 834      |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local)  |         |             |
|   | 4,798   | 4 225       |
| Average Employment                      | •       | 4,225       |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$ 822  | \$1,206     |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government |         |             |
| Average Employment                      | 6,856   | 6,100       |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$ 775  | \$1,092     |
|   |         |             |

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE** 

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Oyster River Cooperative (Durham, Lee, Madbury)

Career Technology Center(s): Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Center, Rochester; Region: 12

**Somersworth Career Technical Center** 

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Private/Parochial

 Number of Schools
 1
 1

 Grade Levels
 5-8
 9-12

 Total Enrollment
 678
 673

Nearest Community College: Great Bay

Nearest Colleges or Universities: University of NH

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: 6 Total Capacity: 274

| LARGEST BUSINESSES          | PRODUCT/SERVICE    | EMPLOYEES ESTABLISHED |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| University of New Hampshire | Education          | 4,552                 |
| Goss International          | Printing press     | 403                   |
| Town of Durham              | Municipal services | 90                    |

| Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall, |
|--|
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 Road Access
 US Routes
 4
 X
 M

 State Routes
 108, 155, 155A
 YN

 Nearest Interstate, Exit
 I-95, Exit 5
 Bc

 Distance
 8 miles
 X
 Gc

Railroad Amtrak Downeaster
Public Transportation COAST; Wildcat Transit

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Pease InternationalRunway11,321 ft. asphalt/concLighted?YesNavigation Aids?Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Manchester-Boston RegionalDistance39 milesNumber of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport4

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH37 milesPortland, Maine61 milesBoston, Mass.64 milesNew York City, NY277 milesMontreal, Quebec282 miles

## **C**OMMUTING TO **W**ORK (ACS 2009-2013)

Workers 16 years and over
Drove alone, car/truck/van
Carpooled, car/truck/van
Public transportation
Walked
Other means
Worked at home
Mean Travel Time to Work

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Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence 41.0
Commuting to another NH community 56.3
Commuting out-of-state 2.7

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks YMCA/YWCA Boys Club/Girls Club

X Golf Courses

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Swimming: Indoor Facility Swimming: Outdoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility

X Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility

Bowling Facilities Museums

Cinemas

X Performing Arts Facilities Tourist Attractions

X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

X Youth Sports: Baseball

X Youth Sports: Soccer

X Youth Sports: FootballX Youth Sports: Basketbal

X Youth Sports: BasketballX Youth Sports: Hockey

Campgrounds Fishing/Hunting

X Fishing/HuntingX Boating/MarinasSnowmobile Trails

X Bicycle Trails

X Cross Country Skiing

Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock

Other: Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve